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The blood of political martyrs to maintain the position of the real government by good people.

## FALSE LEADERSHIP.

In the letter in which Congressman Dunphy announced his resignation from Tammany hall, occur sentiments which, in view of the Trojan outrage, appear almost prophetic. For example, witness this: "Our efforts to prevent our political enemies from interfering with honest elections should be as great and as earnest in our own political household and the ballot should be guarded from all danger of every kind. We must not neglect to insist on it that the man in our ranks who arranges or encourages colonization, false registration, illegal voting, or false returns, or who, having the responsible position of leader, purposely closes his eyes while such practices are going on and afterward crowds honors on the evil-doers, shall be notified in no uncertain tone that there is no place for him in our party." Otherwise we travel under false colors and our fellow-citizens, with truthfulness, will charge us with want of honest purpose. It is only a small handful of men who favor corrupt elections, and these are men who have no real love of country, who have never appreciated the value of citizenship, who look upon the sacred right of suffrage only as something to be bartered and sold, and who imagine they see in such shameful traffic either an easy way to political importance and preferment or a certain way to perpetuate their power.

No one who knows anything about the inner workings of Tammany politics, whether practiced immediately in New York city or imitated in Buffalo, Albany or Troy by the facile copyists of Tammany methods, will seriously maintain that the moral responsibility of such men as Croker and Murphy ends simply at "purposely closing their eyes" while ballot stuffing and electoral outrages are going on. Their participation in crimes against the suffrage is more than negative; it is offensively and aggressively positive. Their sins are sins not of omission, but of commission. They actively plot the schemes which their henchmen carry into obnoxious execution; and if they are, in the majority of cases, too cunning to take personal part in the dirty work that carries with it serious risks of public exposure and condemnation, they are none too scrupulous to enjoy to the full limit the profits of such rascality and to make it the capital of their political barter and sales.

No self-respecting Democrat can afford to appear in the role of apologist for the Crokers and the Murphys of the Democratic party, for the simple reason that, to leave all considerations of morality out of the question, these men are the worst foes the Democracy can possibly have. A political organization can fight a fair and honest opposing organization with a confidence born of its known numbers, strategy, discipline and strength. But no party can rest secure while the high places within its own ranks are filled by unconscionable mercenaries, as ready to drive the dagger home into the backs of the rank and file, should that course suit their selfish purposes, as to plunge it, in open and creditable struggle with the common political enemy. From the very nature of things, a leadership that is based on intrigue, crime and flagrant breach of trust cannot cohere. It is inevitable that it shall some time crumble and disintegrate, through sheer force of intrinsic corruption.

Foolish is the party that jeopardizes its cause by reliance upon such sand-bound captains. KINDNESS to those in real misfortune is very rarely a losing investment. In the city of Washington there is in operation a system of electric trolley cars which conveys its motive power by means of underground wires. The system is said to give general satisfaction, as regards both cheapness and safety. When an electrical company says that trolley poles and wires are indispensable it evidently draws an inaccurate bow.

THAT PENNY-PER-POUND duty on sugar promptly sweetens the prospects of the sugar trust. An instructive incident is reported in Pittston. A telegrapher, W. J. Hepburn, in the dusk of evening, was returning from work across the Lackawanna railway bridge that spans the Susquehanna river. He was suddenly confronted, in the darkness, by three suspicious looking characters, who separated in order, as it seemed, to let Hepburn pass. One moment later Hepburn was struck on the head by a blunt instrument and fell full length across the railway ties. His three assailants next kicked him viciously in the head and were about to cast him into the river below when, by a desperate effort, he regained consciousness and freedom, and outran his pursuers. The only explanation given for this unprovoked attack is that it was the work of a gang of tramps who had been camped on Everhart's island, their motive being robbery.

We have heretofore alluded to similar lawlessness in Monroe county, due to destitution among stranded railway construction hands recently imported from the South. Later information from the scene of the Tannersville conflict conveys the intelligence that these obnoxious penniless prowlers will be forcibly deported at the county's expense. Whether this shall be done or not, it is obvious that merely shifting the location of our peripatetic criminal classes will not decrease their propensities to crime nor do much to eliminate the tramp evil.

that has lately grown so conspicuous in all parts of the United States. When in the very centers of population it becomes unsafe for citizens to venture forth after nightfall, without taking precautions for self-protection, it is obvious that the subject of tramp extermination, whether viewed from humanitarian or mob law standpoints, demands instant attention.

THE TRIBUNE is not prepared to say how this problem shall be met. The circumstances of individual emergencies vary too greatly to permit of safe generalization. Regularly constituted authorities, however, need to be spurred to the fullest extent of practical activity, and, if necessary, re-inforced. Agencies of charity are not yet prepared to abate their energies in providing work for those who will. The good, old, patriarchal custom of personal chastisement for insolent mendicants has its attractive points as a means of correction. Another alternative presents itself in the schools of reformation which philanthropic penologists are establishing in many places. Whether or not these remedies will be sufficient for the public itself to decide. Be that as it may, the tramp evil has of late attained proportions demanding careful and earnest consideration; and the sooner this problem is thus studied by our people, the quicker will it yield to the attention that society must eventually pay it.

IT IS TIME for the local Democratic organ to give Postmaster Vandell one day of rest. Its abuse mill is working overtime.

IT IS A curious commentary on the kind of justice dispensed in Murphy's courts that a mass meeting of Troy citizens, whose chairman was a minister, should feel it necessary to petition Governor Flower for a special court, to be presided over by a judge of undoubted integrity, with a view to apprehending and punishing the slayers of Robert Ross. When the taint of bossism reaches into the common courts it is time for citizens, irrespective of party, to pause and deliberate.

THE FORTY-CENT duty on bituminous coal is still low enough to make possible a cent per cent profits for the Whittney syndicate.

## SENATOR HILL'S WORK.

UPON more than one occasion David R. Hill has exhibited a mental grasp of public questions which entitles him to rank among the great possibilities of American politics. It has, however, been his misfortune too often to sink the statesman in the politician; and to devote to the fabrication of cunning and wonderful mechanisms of political extortion talents that, properly exercised, would place him well toward the front rank of great American public men.

A new instance of this occasional elevation of character is supplied in the successful fight which Senator Hill has waged against the economic monstrosity which, as it left the house, was neither protection nor free trade fowl, but a combination of both that had all the faults and none of the merits of either. His insistence upon a tariff bill which should create revenue was a straightforward vindication of the Democratic platform pledge. The pledge itself may have been an unwise one. Republicans believe that it was. They believe that revenue collection can be successfully united with the necessity of protecting American industry; they believe, in other words, that in order to raise funds for the conduct of government it is not necessary nor is it patriotic to give competing countries the free benefits of our valuable home markets, nor to degrade home labor to foreign wage levels.

Nevertheless, as a matter of political honesty, the Democratic party, having declared for a revenue only tariff should adhere to its declaration, and Senator Hill's action in blocking the effort to dodge that responsibility is one of the few instances in his checkered career which evinces a proper conception of the validity of party platforms in the determination of purely partisan policies. The two particulars in which his course is erroneous are, first, in its failure to recognize the superior claim of the American workingman and manufacturer upon American legislation, as contrasted with the claim of the foreigner; and, secondly, in its false conception that this obligation to the American people should be bounded by party lines. He errs in his contention that the prosperity of our country is an exclusive concern of any one party, ending the very moment when that party shall have been re-elected from power. This latter plane of statesmanship is yet above and beyond him. But for that matter, few statesmen of either party have reached it in its fulness.

EVERY interview of Mr. Sovereign is a fresh vindication of Mr. Powderly. In a suit which Dr. O'Malley, of Wilkes-Barre, has brought against the borough of Parsons for \$10,000 damages sustained by reason of a defective street we have a common exemplification of the folly of that false municipal economy which neglects to make small expenditures in roadway repairs, and thereby lays itself liable to large expenditures in litigation and judgments. Penny wise is ever pound foolish where human safety is jeopardized.

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TWO CURRENT CRIMES. Upon written complaint to the Philadelphia branch of the Women's National Health Protective association formal resolutions will be sent to the managers of the Quaker City's delightful cross-town horse cars protesting against the vicious male practice of expectorating on the floor. The good members of this esteemed feminine organization may be assured of the respectful sympathy of nine-tenths of the human race.

Nothing is viller and more abominable; nothing more abruptly lowers the masculine lord of creation in the eyes of his associate lords, than to speak of the ever critical ladies, than to see the adult occupant of a public vehicle spitting saliva and tobacco infusion where it offends the eye and jeopardizes the cleanliness of the other occupants. Three-fourths of this spitting is done by men who are unconscious how re-

pulsive they thus make themselves appear. The other fourth are candidates for separate alms.

At the same time it is only just to remind the good women of Philadelphia, who have thus taken up the battle for decency in public places, of another evil crying aloud for quick reproof. We refer to the mistaken fondness which many intelligent women make a practice of conspicuously exhibiting for chewing gum and frowly pug dogs. To see a real pretty woman wasting her gracious energies upon a bank of chemically disintegrated gum boot or beslobbering the snaky nostril of an ugly pet canine with drooling kisses is almost enough to drive the rational male to expectoration of the most copious style.

Abolish the one crime and the other will take care of itself.

UNDER the senate bill, the revenue tax on cigarettes is reduced one-half, but the undertaker's tax remains the same.

IN DECIDING recently that pedestrians have the right of way at street corners the coroner of Philadelphia called attention to a legal point that is too frequently overlooked by drivers. It has been held repeatedly by courts that when a pedestrian is injured through a driver's carelessness, he can recover damages. More frequent prosecutions might have a wholesome restraining influence.

THE PHILADELPHIA Record cannot forgive the Senate for putting a duty on coal; and, considering the kind of duty it is, we cannot much blame the Record.

## THE MAN OF THE HOUR.

THE manifesto of the Parnellites, disavowing faith in the Rosebery cabinet will surprise nobody, although it is unfortunate. The Parnellites, under the leadership of John Redmond, have chosen to occupy a guerilla attitude, which would naturally preclude a close alliance with the administration of an English peer who, from all accounts, appears as deserving of at least equal consideration with the question of home rule.

Nevertheless, it is the general consensus of students of the Irish problem that home rule must come through evolution rather than revolution; from a sense of its justice, prevalent among the majority of Englishmen, rather than as a token of submission to superior force. The inevitable tendency of the Liberal party is toward a recognition of Ireland's equal right with England to autonomy in local affairs; it cannot deny to one island a reform which it concedes to be fair and proper in another.

Americans, somehow, have faith in Lord Rosebery and faith also in his associates. It seems to them that he is the logical premier, next to Gladstone; the man to whom all circumstances point as being the requisite champion of the coming revolt of the English middle classes against the useless and obsolete peers. If he can bring success to this great battle in behalf of popular government, there will remain little doubt of the ultimate triumph of self-government as applied to defrauded Ireland.

UNDER a democracy, ignorance may rule for a time, but the real force that vitalizes good government is not the density of the masses, but the courage and integrity of those who dare to be independent.

THE STRINGING of electrical cables along our streets proceeds steadily every day, but not a word is said by the telegraph and telephone companies about burying their wires. Must argument in this matter be reinforced by actual force?

NOT A SYLLABLE of comment has appeared in Colonel Singler's able journal in relation to the Troy riots. Indeed, its artistic silence may be said to equal any other journal's most vociferous din.

## BOOKS

And Authors.

The annual subscription price of the "Forum" has been reduced from five to three dollars. This will bring within reach of a large number of readers one of the best of our American magazines. The reduction of Compositell from three dollars to one dollar and a half has greatly increased the circulation of that periodical and made it in every respect a popular magazine.

There is probably no novelist of the present day who holds the favor of the masses as Marie Corelli, author of "Wormwood," "Vandetta," and "Romance of the Two Worlds." Her latest production, "Barabbas," is probably her most praiseworthy work and has had a very friendly reception at the hands of lovers of fiction. The plot is laid in the Holy Land during the life of Christ, and many New Testament characters take prominent places in the romance, which is unusually fascinating.

A favorable sign of the times is the increase of the number of good magazines and an unusually large increase in their circulation. Harpers, Century and Scribner's are still enlarging their circulation at a surprising rate, and Compositell, McClure's and Munsey's are also meeting with unusually gratifying success. The masses demand better contemporary literature than they did five or even three years ago.

Maarten Martens, the celebrated Dutch novelist, who wrote "God's Fool" and "Joost Avellang," has increased his already great popularity by his third story, "The Greater Glory." His subtitle is "A Story of High Life." In reviewing this romance the Philadelphia Press in closing says: "The Dutch master has portrayed it with a touch of true genius. The story is full of color and dramatic situations delicately wrought out." We consider it superior in many ways to either of his previous stories.

Those who are under the impression that literature is a well paying profession will be surprised to learn that Louise Imogen Eguis, a popular New England authoress, a few weeks ago was appointed postmistress of her native town. Miss Guiney not only accepted that appointment, but was very desirous of having the position.

Good encyclopedias of poetry are rare. The "Fireside Encyclopedia of

Poetry" is one of the good ones. It is most valuable as an evening companion or a work of reference, and has long since become standard. It is now in its twenty seventh edition, a wonderful record for a book of its nature. The author is Henry T. Coates, senior member of the enterprising firm of Porter & Coates who publish the work.

The recent death of Mrs. Margaret Thackeray, wife of the great novelist, recalls the eventful life of that famous author. Although Thackeray in many senses was not the most popular novelist of the century; yet, in most points from a literary standpoint, he is considered the truest to human nature and most conscientious of contemporary writers of fiction.

"His Broken Sword" is a novel of strong dramatic interest and of high literary value, conscientiously written. It is truly an American story. Winnetta Louise Taylor is the author, and she possesses a rare genius and manifold abilities as a story writer. The book is beautifully printed and artistically bound. It is published by Stone & Kimball.

William Watson the talented, classical English poet and quondam aspirant for the honor of laureate, is again suffering from his old malady. It is unfortunate for Mr. Watson, his friends and his many admirers of his genius, as he is a poet of wonderful originality, great force and peculiar charm.

"A Bundle of Light" is a unique little story which has run through several English editions and met with favor among American readers. The author is John Oliver Hobbes (Mrs. Craigie), who has long since made her reputation as a fascinating story teller.

Eugene Field, the popular Chicago humorist and poet, has just had published a new volume of western stories. This book will be eagerly sought after by a host of his ardent admirers as well as a large number of new readers. Mr. Field is one of those very acceptable but rare authors who improve with acquaintance. The new volume entitled "The Holy Cross," is a beautiful work of art as a book. It comes from the press of Stone & Kimball.

Mrs. Sarah Tyson Rorer, author of the well known "Mrs. Rorer's Cook Book," is a native of Pennsylvania, but has spent most of her life in New York, her home for many years being in Buffalo. For five years she has been at work on a valuable book entitled "Diet for the Sick." She is also editor of "Household News," which is still in the first year of its existence, and to which she is conscientiously devoted.

"How to Know Wild Flowers" is a book full of interest to those interested in flowers, and especially to students of botany at this time of year. Mrs. William Starr Dana, the author, is fully master of the subject and knows how to make it interesting to her readers. The book has a very large sale and has met with favorable comment everywhere.

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